

**ANTI-VIRUS SECURITY INFORMATION IN AN EXTENSIBLE MARKUP  
LANGUAGE DOCUMENT**

**Abstract**

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Methods and systems are provided for allowing software applications capable of reading and saving Extensible Markup Language (XML) representations of documents to quickly and efficiently detect the presence of executable code contained in a given document being read or saved by the software applications. Examples of 10 executable code include, but are not limited to macros, VBA macros, OLE code, OCX or ActiveX controls, embedded executable objects, and the like.